

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2591

**Introduced by Assembly Member Weber
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Skinner)**

February 21, 2014

An act relating to public social services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2591, as introduced, Weber. Homeless youth: basic material needs assistance.

Existing law establishes various public social services programs to provide for protection, care, and assistance to the people of the state in need of those services, by providing appropriate aid and services to the needy and distressed, including CalWORKs and CalFresh. Existing law establishes homeless youth emergency service pilot projects in the counties of Los Angeles, San Diego, Santa Clara, and San Francisco.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would provide basic materials needs assistance for homeless youth identified in public schools.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation that would create the Basic Materials Needs for
- 3 Homeless Youth Act and would do all of the following:
- 4 (a) Enable the state to provide basic materials needs assistance
- 5 for homeless youth identified in public schools.

- 1 (b) Define the term “homeless” to have the same meaning
- 2 provided in the federal Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance
- 3 Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 11301 et seq.).
- 4 (c) Define the term “basic materials needs assistance” to mean
- 5 school supplies, dental supplies and other hygienic products, shoes,
- 6 clothes, blankets, and other basic needs materials.
- 7 (d) Give priority to providing school supplies, dental supplies,
- 8 and other hygienic products to homeless youth.